

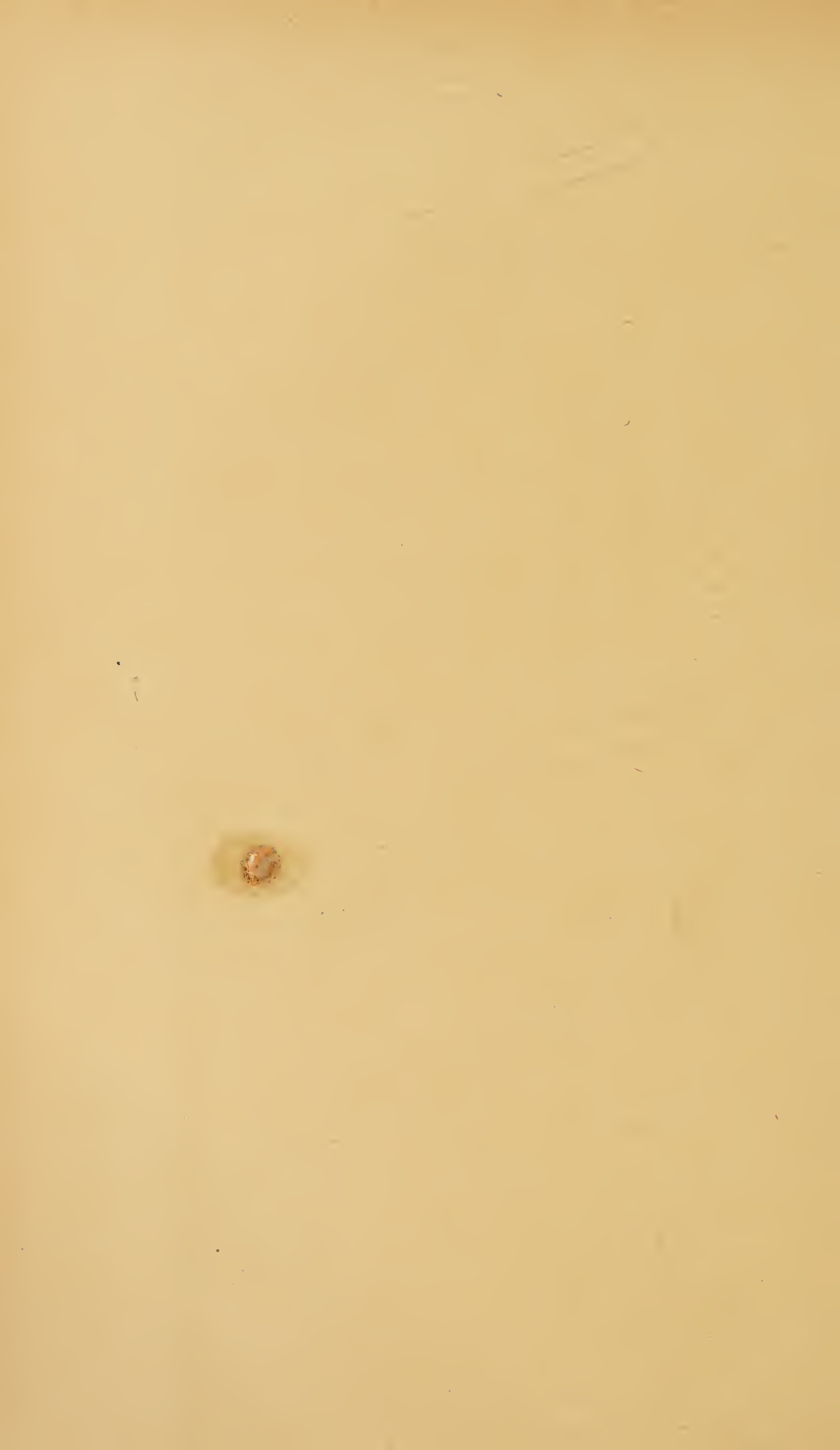


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(As on December 31st. 1947)

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(As on December 31st, 1947)

Medical Officer of Health	}	P. G. HORSBURGH, G.M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
School Medical Officer		
Superintendent Isolation Hospital		
Superintendent Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics		
Medical Officer, Veneral Disease Clinic		
Assistant Medical Officer of Health and	}	H. BURNS, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.)
Assistant School Medical Officer		
Assistant Medical Officer and School Medical Officer	}	G. K. G. COOTE, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
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Pupil Sanitary Inspector		A. COLLETT (On H.M. Service)
Rodent Control Officers	}	P. B. JACKSON C. OAKEY
Health Visitors	}	*Miss K. T. FLYNN, S.R.N., S.C.M. *Miss M. A. Hallsworth, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Midwifery Service Supervisor: Miss Kettle (part-time),
Warwickshire County Council.

*Health Visitor's Certificate.

Midwives	{ Mrs. D. BOURNE, S.R.N., S.C.M. Miss S. A. PULLAN, S.R.N., S.C.M. Mrs. M. McCLEAN, S.C.M. Miss F. E. STEVENS, S.C.M. Mrs. M. S. WATSON, S.C.M.
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Dental Surgeon	{ T. H. THOMPSON, L.R.C.P. & S., L.D.S., R.C.S.
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Dental Attendant:	Miss L. JACKSON
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Isolation Hospital—Matron:	Miss C. AHERN
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Clerks	{ W. WOOD (Chief Clerk). E. J. BOWER M. ROWLEY K. SPENCER
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Day Nursery—Matron:	Miss E. COULTON, S.R.N.
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PART-TIME OFFICERS:

Medical Officer—Ante-Natal Clinics	{ F. SELBY TAIT, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
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Orthopædic Surgeon	N. W. H. NISBETT, F.R.C.S.
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Orthopædic Nurse— Sister-in-Charge	{ SISTER FINTON
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BOROUGH OF NUNEATON

Health Department,
Council House,
Nuneaton.

25th June, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting to you my annual statistical report on the health of the Borough for the year 1947.

The year under review is the last year that we shall have control over our own Maternity and Child Welfare, Midwifery and Day Nursery services.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, these services will pass over to the Warwickshire County Council on the 5th July, 1948.

Your Isolation Hospital will also pass out of the control of the Council, and will be taken over by the Regional Hospital Board on the same day.

You have been a Maternity and Child Welfare Authority since 1918, that is with the coming into force of the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918.

During your control of this service I think one is justified in saying that marked progress has been made and that we are turning over to the County Council a service of high quality.

Thirty years ago, when the service was commenced, you had two clinics, one of which was housed in the Salvation Army Rooms, Nuneaton, and another in the Wesleyan School Rooms, Stockingford.

In the year 1921, the Clinic in Nuneaton was moved to a wooden hut which was situated on the present site of the Council House. This building, of course, was not really of a satisfactory character as it only housed Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, and none of the other special services which are now available to the child population of the town.

In 1924 the Council built a Clinic at Stockingford, situated in Cross Street, which is available for the treatment of school children and houses infant welfare and ante-natal clinics.

In 1931 a large modern clinic was established in Riversley Park for infant welfare, school medical, dental, eye, orthopædic, ear, nose and throat, etc., services.

This gave the town two modern fully-equipped health centres to deal with the expectant mother, pre-school and school child.

In 1919 the number of infants attending your Infant Welfare Centres was 475, in 1947 there were 1,628 infants attending these clinics.

When you commenced your infant welfare work in the Borough 100 children per 1,000 births died before reaching the age of one year. In 1947 this figure was reduced to 48 deaths per 1,000 births.

In 1924 you established ante-natal clinics at both Nuneaton and Stockingford Centres. These were, in the first place, carried out by an Assistant Medical Officer, but in 1937 the services of Mr. Selby Tait, F.R.C.S., were obtained so that all ante-natal work at the clinics since that year has been carried out by a Specialist. Post natal clinics were also provided when Mr. Selby Tait was appointed as Consultant.

In 1936 a Gynæcological Clinic was established at the Riversley Park Clinic as there were no consultants for this work at the hospitals in the town. The Clinic was staffed by Sir Beckwith Whitehouse, F.R.C.S., until his death in 1943, when it was taken over by Mrs. Willmott Dobbie, F.R.C.S.

In 1946 The General Hospital opened an Out-Patient Department for gynæcological work and it was felt unnecessary to carry on our clinic in view of the fact that facilities were available locally. The authority's clinic, while it was running, carried out some very fine work and saved many women a long and tedious journey to the hospitals in Birmingham, which they had to attend before our Clinic was established.

Dental treatment for the expectant and nursing mother and the pre-school child was made available in the year 1923. This treatment was carried out at the Nuneaton Clinic, until an additional clinic was commenced at the Stockingford Clinic during the year under review.

You established an Orthopædic Clinic in 1925, which, in the first instance, was staffed by Mr. J. B. Leather, F.R.C.S., a surgeon from the Royal Cripples' Hospital, Birmingham, the intermediate treatment being carried out by the School Nurses. This organisation, although satisfactory from the point of view of local clinics, became rather a bottle-neck owing to the fact that admissions to the Birmingham Hospital was very limited. The organisation was, therefore, changed, and in 1930 the Colleshill Orthopædic Hospital was approached as beds were more readily available in this hospital. Arrangements were made whereby Sisters, trained in orthopædic work, from this hospital attended the clinic in Nuneaton to carry out the intermediate treatment as prescribed by Mr. Naughton Dunn, F.R.C.S., the Consulting Surgeon, and later by Mr. F. G. Allan, F.R.C.S. Much preventive work has been carried out by this service and many crippling defects have been prevented by early treatment.

During the past thirty years the work of the Child Welfare Service has made considerable strides.

In 1918, this service was in the main of an advisory character.

When, however, it was realised that certain necessary treatments were not available at the local hospitals, etc., the Borough Council very wisely made provisions for such treatments, for example, sunlight, orthopædic, etc., etc., at their clinics. In view of the fact that all these special clinics are used to capacity we may safely say that the Council's decision in providing these services has been well justified.

I must say that during my term of office as Medical Officer of the Maternity and Child Welfare Authority, I have always found the Council ready and anxious to do all in their power for the betterment of the health of the children. The co-operation which I have received from the Council on the suggestions put to them has greatly helped in working out the facilities now available for the children in the town.

During the last thirty years we have had a tremendous amount of help at our Welfare Centres from lady voluntary workers, and to them we owe a great debt of gratitude. On behalf of the Health Department I would like to tender to these ladies my best thanks for the keen interest they have always shown in this service. I sincerely hope that they will carry on with this good work when the centres come under the new organisation in 1948.

In 1937 you established a Municipal Midwifery Service under the Midwifery Act, 1936, when Nuneaton was one of the few Boroughs that became a Supervising Authority under the Act.

All midwives in the Municipal Service have been trained in the administration of gas and air analgesics.

Your Isolation Hospital at Bramcote, as previously mentioned, passes over to the Regional Hospital Board on the appointed day. You have made in this hospital various alterations and additions and are turning over to the Regional Board a modern hospital with good facilities for patients and good accommodation for the nursing staff.

While I regret the fact that I shall no longer be responsible to the Borough Council for the service mentioned one realises that progress must proceed and I can only hope that the staff of the Health Department as a whole will have the same happy relations with the new organisation as they have had in the past under your control.

The general statistics for 1947 show a high birth-rate, a low death and infantile mortality rate. Details of these rates will be found in the body of the report.

Infectious disease shows in the case of Scarlet Fever an increase over the 1946 figure. Although we had 274 cases in the Borough in 1947 they were in the main of a mild character and no deaths occurred.

Of the commoner infectious diseases (diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and whooping cough) there was only one fatal case, namely, one child died from whooping cough.

During 1947 there was a large epidemic of Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis) in the country. We had three cases of this

distressing disease in the Borough—no fatal case occurred—but unfortunately one cannot say that the recovery was complete in all cases. This disease unfortunately very often leaves permanent disability in the patient.

The main Public Health problem in the Borough, and in fact in the country as a whole, remains that of housing. The Council has been very active in endeavouring to deal with the housing question but their difficulties have been many and we are a very long way from satisfying the housing needs of the town. The following table gives some idea of the magnitude of the position which the Council is endeavouring to solve:—

Existing houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,032
Houses under construction	...	...	...	...	...	...	345
Houses for which sites are now available	...	...	...	...	...	...	677
Total							15,054
Houses required for overcrowding, etc., etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,800
Houses unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	381
Housing deficiency — Total							3,181

It will be a very long time at the present rate of progress before we can see daylight through the mist of overcrowding and insanitary conditions which at the present time prevail. Much unhappiness and ill-health is caused because of our present housing conditions. The two families in one house, with one kitchen shared by both housewives seldom goes to make a harmonious atmosphere for adults or children in the home. The question of the 381 houses unfit for human habitation causes much anxiety, as the only solution is that the houses should be pulled down. This is not practicable at the moment as it would naturally add to the problem of overcrowding. Until we get more houses to re-house the people living in the unfit houses these unfortunate people will have to remain in their present unsatisfactory condition.

The general organisation of the School Medical Service in 1947, maintained by the Nuneaton Committee for Education and the County Council has been run, in the main, on the same lines as in 1946.

Good co-operation with the County Medical Officer of Health has been maintained and the scheme of delegation of powers to the Committee for Education has worked smoothly throughout the year.

During the year under review a new Dental Clinic was established at Stockingford. This was made possible by utilising the top floor of the Civil Defence Cleansing Unit situated at the side of the Stockingford School Clinic. This Dental Clinic is serving

the children attending the Galley Common and Stockingford schools, and is also used for the treatment of ante-natal and nursing mothers as well as the pre-school children living in that area.

A new Sunlight Clinic was also installed in the Stockingford Clinic and this has greatly helped the patients requiring treatment who live in that district. Previous to the opening of this clinic all cases requiring this form of treatment had to attend the Clinic in Riversley Park.

Since the outbreak of war in 1939 the Ambulance Service has been housed in the Clinic, Riversley Park. This naturally caused some inconvenience as regards the smooth working of the School Medical Service. In November of 1947 it was arranged to move the Ambulance Service to premises at the rear of the Clinic, thus allowing the clinic to be put into use in its entirety for medical purposes.

I would like to again thank the Council, the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help during the year under review, and to all members of the Health Department I would like to say how much I appreciate the willing and conscientious way they have worked under all circumstances during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. G. HORSBURGH.

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Registrar-General's estimate of population 52,390
Live Births:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Totals	
Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
624	570	27	28	651	598
				<hr/> 1249 <hr/>	

Birth-rate: 23.8 per 1,000 population.

Stillbirths:

Legitimate		Illegitimate		Totals	
Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
11	11	—	1	11	12
				<hr/> 23 <hr/>	

Stillbirth-rate: 18.4 per 1,000 (live and stillbirths).

Deaths 288 Males, 222 Females; Total 510

Death-rate: 9.7 per 1,000 population.

Infant Deaths 38 Males, 22 Females; Total 60

Infantile Mortality Rate: 48.0 per 1,000 live births.

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of, Childbirth:

From Sepsis	1	} Total: 2 = 1.6 per 1,000 (live and stillbirths).
From other causes	1	

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	—
„ „ Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	...	...	7

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1947

Causes of Death.	Males	Females	Total
All Causes	288	222	510
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever ..	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	1	—	1
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Tuberculosis—Respiratory system ..	13	10	23
Tuberculosis—Other Forms	3	—	3
Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—
Influenza	2	1	3
Measles	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and polio- encephalitis	—	—	—
Acute Infantile Encephalitis ..	—	—	—
Cancer	40	31	71
Diabetes	—	—	—
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	27	42	69
Heart Disease	70	48	118
Other diseases of circulatory system	13	14	27
Bronchitis	20	11	31
Pneumonia	19	12	31
Other Respiratory Diseases	11	3	14
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ..	8	3	11
Diarrhoea—under 2 years	4	3	7
Appendicitis	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	6	5	11
Nephritis	7	6	13
Puerperal and Post-abortion Sepsis	—	1	1
Other Maternal Causes	—	1	1
Premature birth	11	6	17
Congenital Malformations, birth injuries; infantile diseases ..	10	8	18
Suicide	3	2	5
Road Traffic accidents	1	—	1
Other Violent Causes	5	1	6
All Other Causes	14	14	28

BIRTHS

Birth-rate per 1,000 population: 23.8.

Ward	Legitimate			Illegitimate			Totals	
	Males	Females		Males	Females		Males	Females
Attleborough	63	70	..	1	—	..	64	70
St. Nicolas	88	103	..	6	3	..	94	106
Manor	35	37	..	—	2	..	35	39
St. Mary	62	54	..	—	1	..	62	55
Arbury	101	72	..	6	5	..	107	77
Coton	76	62	..	2	2	..	78	64
Stockingford	117	115	..	5	4	..	122	119
Galley Common ..	67	46	..	2	4	..	69	50
Inward Transfers .	15	11	..	5	7	..	20	18
TOTALS	624	570	..	27	28	..	651	598

INFANTILE MORTALITY ANALYSIS OF INFANT DEATHS, 1947

Causes of Death	Under 1 week	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3-4 wks	Total und'r 4 wks	1-3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	Total under 1 year
Premature Birth	13	2	1	—	16	1	—	—	—	17
Congenital Defects	9	2	3	—	14	3	—	—	1	18
Birth Injuries,										
Infantile Diseases										
Pneumonia	3	—	1	2	6	3	1	1	1	12
Gastro Enteritis	—	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	—	7
Other defined diseases	—	1	—	—	1	3	—	1	1	6
Totals ..	25	6	6	3	40	12	2	3	3	60

INFANT DEATHS—WARDS

Ward	Males	Females	Total
Attleborough	2	2	4
St. Nicolas	2	7	9
Manor	2	—	2
St. Mary	4	1	5
Arbury	5	3	8
Coton	6	2	8
Galley Common	5	—	5
Stockingford	12	7	19
Totals	38	22	60

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This Service has remained unaltered.

CLINICS

Service.	Situation of Premises.	Days Open.
Maternity and Child Welfare	Coton Road (entrance Riversley Park)	Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Welfare Centres ..	Cross Street	Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Ante-Natal Centre ..	Coton Road	2nd and 4th Thursday in month, 2.15 p.m.
	Cross Street	1st and 3rd Thursday in month, 2.15 p.m.
Dental Clinic ..	Coton Road	2nd and 4th Thursday in month, 2.15 p.m.
	Cross Street	1st and 3rd Thursday in month, 2.15 p.m.
1—5 Minor Ailment Clinic ..	Coton Road and Cross Street	9 to 10 a.m. each morning
School Medical Service Treatment and Inspection Clinics ..	Coton Road	Every week-day morning 9 a.m. to 12 noon
	Cross Street	ditto.
Eye Clinic ..	Coton Road	Tuesday morning 9 a.m.
Aural Clinic ..	Coton Road	Thursday morning 9 a.m.
Orthopædic Clinic ..	Coton Road	Intermediate treatment Monday morning 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Tuesday and Friday afternoons 2 to 5 p.m. Consultant in attendance
Sunray ..	Coton Road	Monday and Friday afternoons at 2 p.m.
	Cross Street	Monday and Thursday morning at 10.45 a.m.
Dental Clinic ..	Coton Road	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon
	Cross Street	Monday afternoons 2 to 4 p.m. Friday mornings 9 a.m. to 12 noon

CLINICS—Continued

Service.	Situation of Premises.	Days Open.
Speech Therapy Clinic	Coton Road	Every Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child Guidance Clinic	Coton Road	Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Tuberculosis Dispensary	35, Coton Road (converted dwelling)	Tuesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Veneral Diseases		
Male Clinics ..	Premises situated back of School Clinic, Riversley Park	Friday 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Female Clinics ..		Tuesdays 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. (Intermediate daily treatment also provided) Males: 6.30 p.m., Tuesday excepted. Females: By appointment

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table is a record of visits paid by the Staff of the Isolation Hospital to cases of infectious disease treated at home:

CASES AND VISITS FOR 1947

Disease.	St. Mary's		Manor		St. Nicholas		Attleboro'		Coton		Arbury		S'ford		GalleyCom		Total	
	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V	C	V
Scarlet Fever ..	3	12	13	51	17	74	11	36	15	48	7	29	14	60	8	45	88	355
Measles ..	17	60	16	29	48	77	9	18	35	63	52	105	66	116	23	38	266	476
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	2
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	10	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	8	—	—	15	19
Chickenpox ..	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	7	—	—	7	10
Erysipelas ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	—	—	5	7
Total																	382	869

C = Number of cases. V = Number of visits paid.

ADMISSION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES TO HOSPITAL, 1947

Disease.	Borough Cases		Outside Area Cases		Total	Deaths		Total
	Male	F'male	Male	F'male		Male	F'male	
Scarlet Fever	72	89	6	6	173	—	—	—
Diphtheria	19	15	4	1	39	—	—	—
Measles	13	6	—	2	21	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Chicken Pox	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	1	—	—	2	3	—	—	—
Pneumonia	3	1	—	3	7	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
Streptococcal Throat	3	3	—	—	6	—	—	—
Streptococcal Rash	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Meningitis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Laryngeal Diphtheria	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Observation	1	1	—	1	3	—	—	—

254 Cases, plus 8 (2 Diseases in one Patient); Total: 262 Diseases

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—WARDS

Disease	Wards								Total
	Attleborough	St. Nicholas	Manor	St. Mary	Arbury	Coton	Galley Common	Stockingford	
Scarlet Fever	20	51	30	18	26	43	35	51	274
Diphtheria	3	3	5	2	4	3	2	6	28
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Pneumonia	4	5	8	6	6	6	1	12	48
Measles	23	65	25	30	59	29	17	95	343
Whooping Cough	2	15	1	—	—	4	—	5	27
Erysipelas	3	1	2	2	1	2	—	—	11
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

Cases			Vision Unimpaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
	At Home	Hospital				
2	1	1	1	—	—	1

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

The table given below shows the number of cases seen by F. Selby Tait, Esq., M.B., Ch.B., at the Ante-Natal Clinics:

	Riversley Park Clinic		Stockingford Clinic	
	New Cases	Subsequent Attendances	New Cases	Subsequent Attendances
First Quarter	38	26	45	49
Second Quarter	23	30	28	60
Third Quarter	33	30	26	42
Fourth Quarter	21	26	33	40
Totals	115	112	132	191

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

Particulars of attendances at Infant Welfare Centres:

	Nuneaton	Stockingford
Number of welfare sessions	149	101
Number of babies on register,		
1st January, 1947	1075	433
Number of babies added to register ...	660	270
Number of babies ceased to attend ...	585	225
Number of babies on register,		
1st January, 1948	1150	478
Total number of attendances	9605	3520

CHILD-LIFE PROTECTION

The following is a summary of cases dealt with by the Health Visitors under the Child-Life Protection Act:

1. Number of foster parents on register	4
2. (a) Number of children on register	5
(b) Number who died during the year	—
3. Number of cases in which proceedings were taken during the year	—

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Particulars of visits carried out by Health Visitors:

Home visiting of babies under 1 year of age ...	3,992 visits
Home visiting of babies between 1-5 years of age	3,541 „
Home visiting of expectant mothers	60 „

Feeding

Feeding of infants at time of first visit by Health Visitor:

Babies wholly breast-fed	513
Partially breast and hand-fed	88
Wholly hand-fed	305

DENTAL TREATMENT OF EXPECTANT AND NURSING MOTHERS AND PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

The following table shows the number of mothers treated at your Dental Clinics:

	Nuneaton Clinic	Stockingford Clinic
No. of expectant mothers who attended ...	10	7
No. of nursing mothers who attended ...	31	1
No. of pre-school children	44	1
Total number of attendances	91	1
Number of sessions on which treatment was carried out	38	4
Extractions	324	1
Fillings	24	—
Local Anæsthetics	25	1
General Anæsthetics	50	—
Sundry forms of treatment	84	9

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

Forty-six informal and four formal samples were obtained under the above Act. These were as follows:

Milk	Informal 40; Formal 4
Vinegar	Informal 6

Analyses yielded satisfactory results.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The approximate weight of refuse collected during the year was 11,476 tons.

The weight dealt with by the destructor plant was 9,140 tons 5 cwts. which was a decrease of 384 tons 7 cwts. on the previous year. The plant was out of commission for three weeks owing to mechanical breakdowns.

The plant for the disposal of offals, condemned meat, fish, etc., for the production of fertilizers and feeding stuffs, etc., has been working satisfactorily and has produced the following during the year:

	Tons	cwts.	qtrs.
No. 1 Fertilizer	30	10	3
Meat Meal	14	2	3
Dried Blood	3	0	0
Grease and Fats	20	3	2
Concentrated Pig Food	321	2	0

SALVAGE

						Tons	cwts.	qtrs.
Waste Paper	...	...	...	...	...	304	3	0
Rags	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	0
Bones	...	...	...	...	...	15	9	1
Ferrous Metals	...	...	...	...	...	310	16	0
Non-Ferrous Metals	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	2
Cinders	...	...	...	...	...	2,029	14	0
Kitchen Waste	...	...	...	...	...	343	6	2
Bottles and Jars	...	...	...	...	...	3	18	0
Cullet (Broken Glass)	...	...	...	...	...	7	16	0

WATER

The average daily consumption of water in the Borough during 1947 was 1,526,537 gallons. The maximum consumption in any one day being 2,067,000 gallons. The number of houses being supplied direct to the houses from public water mains at the end of the year was approximately 13,767.

The extensions to mains totalled 1,046 yards of 9in. pipes, 437 yards of 6in. pipes, 2,092 yards of 4in. pipes and 550 yards of 3in. pipes, details of such extensions being as follows:

Coventry Road	...	...	...	...	...	306 yards 9in.
College Street	...	...	...	...	...	740 yards 9in.
Hilltop (East) Estate	...	...	...	...	...	433 yards 6in.
						900 yards 4in.
						379 yards 3in.
Caldwell Estate	...	...	...	...	...	740 yards 4in.
						81 yards 3in.
Green Lane	...	...	...	...	...	426 yards 4in.
						90 yards 3in.
Camp Hill Drive	...	...	...	...	...	18 yards 4in.
Arlon Avenue	...	...	...	...	...	8 yards 4in.
Greenmoor Road	...	...	...	...	...	4 yards 6in.

Various samples of the water taken for analysis showed it to be satisfactory and appended are the latest analyses.

Bacteriological examination of water taken from Tuttle Hill Reservoir:

Organisms per c.c. at 37° C.	...	...	...	...	...	2
Organisms per c.c. at 20° C.	...	...	...	...	...	11
Organisms indicative of						
sewage contamination	...	...	...	Absent from	100 c.c.	

Bacteriological examination of Whittleford water:

Organisms per c.c. at 37° C.	...	...	...	...	...	0
Organisms per c.c. at 20° C.	...	...	...	...	...	3
Organisms indicative of						
sewage contamination	...	...	...	Absent from	100 c.c.	

Bacteriological examination of Robinson's End water:

Organisms per c.c. at 37° C.	0
Organisms per c.c. at 20° C.	0
Organisms indicative of sewage contamination	Absent from 100 c.c.

Bacteriological examination of water from White Stone well:

Organisms per c.c. at 37° C.	1
Organisms per c.c. at 20° C.	15
Organisms indicative of sewage contamination	Absent from 100 c.c.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

	Tuttle Hill Reservoir Chlorinated and Filtered	Whittleford
Free and Saline Ammonia	Absent	Absent
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0080	0.0016
Chlorine in Chlorides	1.900	4.4500
Nitrogen in Nitrates and Nitrites	Traces	Absent
Oxygen absorbed from perman- ganate at 80° F. in 4 hours	0.1070	0.0050
Total solids dried at 100° C.	19.000	70.000
Hardness: Temporary	3.400	15.400
Permanent	8.200	27.600
Total	11.600	43.000
Appearance	Bright—Few small particles	Bright and Clear

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE, 1947

Sewer extensions during the year have been as follows:

Caldwell Estate

Surface-water sewers	18in. diameter—100 yards
	15in. „ — 77 „
	12in. „ —295 „
	9in. „ —385 „
	6in. „ —713 „
Foul sewers	12in. „ —100 „
	9in. „ —396 „
	6in. „ —278 „

Bucks Hill Estate

Surface-water sewers	9in. „ — 70 „
	6in. „ —150 „
Foul sewers	9in. „ — 70 „

Oaston Road

Surface-water sewers	9in. „ — 39 „
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FACTORIES

1.—**Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors):

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	34	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies	—	—	—
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938	—	—	—
Total	34	—	—

2.—Cases in which **Defects** were found:

Particulars.	Number of Defects			Number of offences in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	7	7	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	—	—	—	—
Total	8	8	—	—

LIST OF FACTORIES ON REGISTER

Acetylene welding	1	Joinery	8
Agricultural machine re-		Jam making	1
pairing	1	Laundries	3
Art silk winding	1	Lighting fittings	2
Aerated waters	1	Metal foundry	1
Bakers	23	Marble masons	2
Beer bottlers	2	Metal toy making	1
Boot repairers	10	Millinery	2
Blacksmith	1	Motor repairing	22
Box making	2	Needle making	1
Brick making	8	Oat crushing	1
Cabinet making	1	Printing	5
Confectionery	1	Photography	4
Cardboard games	1	Plumbing	3
Coach painting	1	Quarrying	2
Cycle repairs	2	Radio repairs	1
Chamois leathers	1	Ribbon weaving & regalia	2
Dairy	1	Sausage making	6
Dressmaking	2	Sheep skin dressing	1
Destructor	1	Scale repairing	1
Dry cleaning	1	Spring seat centres	1
Electrical engineers	2	Silk weaving	1
Electrical repairs	2	Sawyers	4
Electric undertaking	1	Soft furnishings	1
Elastic web making	1	Sheet metals	3
Engineering	8	Slicing machines	1
Felt hat making	1	Spice mixing	1
Felt hat trimming	1	Tailors	9
Fellmongery	1	Tar macadam	1
Florist	1	Tennis ball making	1
Flour milling	1	Toolmaking	2
Grist	1	Undertaking	1
Gas undertaking	1	Upholsterers	1
Gut scraper	1	Vehicle & wagon repairs ...	5
Hosiery making	6	Watch repairs	3
Ice making	1	Woolcombing	1
Ironfounder	1	Worsted spinning	1
Ironmongery	1		

INSPECTIONS BY SANITARY INSPECTORS

To Dwelling Houses:

Inspections under Housing Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
General Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,647
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,073
Re infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	316
Disinfections after infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	294
Disinfections for vermin	...	...	...	...	...	...	110
For drain-testing	...	...	...	...	...	...	139

To Other Premises:

Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Lodging House	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Smoke observations	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

To Food-preparing Places:

Food-preparing places	...	...	...	...	...	...	261
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Dairies, milkshops and cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Abattoir	...	...	...	...	...	...	664
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Butchers' shops, stalls and vans	...	...	...	...	...	...	56

Miscellaneous Visits:

Visits re rat repression	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,055
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,680

NUISANCES ABATED

Dwelling Houses:

Defective walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	418
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	208
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	31
Spouting repaired or new provided	...	...	...	...	...	131
Filthy houses cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	6
Defective floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	144
Dangerous stairs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	12
Windows renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	309
Fireplaces repaired or rebuilt	...	...	...	...	...	110
Coppers repaired or rebuilt	...	...	...	...	...	68
Sinks and wastepipes provided	...	...	...	...	...	62
New water services provided	...	...	...	...	...	36
Yard paving repaired	...	...	...	...	...	7
Houses re-pointed	...	...	...	...	...	53
New doors provided	...	...	...	...	...	41
Damp-proof courses inserted	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sub-floor ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	1
Disused wells filled in	...	...	...	...	...	1
New soft-water tanks provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
Baths and hot-water supply provided	...	...	...	...	...	5
New washhouses built	...	...	...	...	...	2

Drainage, etc.:

Drainage cleared from obstruction	272
Drainage inspection chambers provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	32
New drainage provided	...	...	...	...	6
New gullies provided	...	...	...	...	12
Ventilating shafts improved	...	...	...	...	8
Defective drains relaid	...	...	...	...	13

Closet Accommodation:

Water closets cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	178
Water closets thoroughly repaired	...	...	...	...	48
New W.C. pedestals provided	...	...	...	...	183
Privies converted to water or pail closets	3

Domestic Refuse:

Dustbins provided	169
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Other Nuisances:

Offensive accumulations removed	17
Rat-infested premises cleared	390
Nuisances from keeping animals	...	...	...	...	...	3
Verminous premises cleared	10

Miscellaneous:

New food-preparing premises built	3
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MILK SUPPLY

Premises in Borough in which cows are kept	68					
Number of milk retailers, other than producers resident in Borough	18

HOUSING

New houses built during year:

Traditional houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Traditional houses, flats	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
B.I.S.F. houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150

All the above were municipal undertakings.

Private house building provided the following:

New houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Rebuilt war-damaged houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18

Houses demolished during the year were as follows:

Individual unfit houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Houses included in clearance areas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

DETAIL	Cattle exeluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2,487	1,223	2,354	11,438	125
Number inspected	2,487	1,223	2,354	11,438	125
All diseases except Tuberculosis:					
Whole carcasses condemned	27	12	38	53	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	483	206	18	242	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	% 20.51	% 17.83	% 2.38	% 2.58	% 6.4
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcasses condemned	53	54	28	—	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	926	542	—	—	14
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	% 39.40	% 48.73	% 1.19	—	% 16.8

MEAT CONDEMNED

DETAILS	Weight			
	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs
Tuberculosis:				
54 carcasses and all organs of cows	18	6	1	20
Portions of carcasses of cows	1	5	0	6
Organs of cows	8	1	2	7
53 carcasses and all organs of cattle other than cows	16	15	3	26
Portions of carcasses of cattle other than cows ..	1	3	1	1
Organs of cattle other than cows	12	13	3	7
7 carcasses and all organs of pigs		9	3	9
Organs of pigs			3	9
28 carcasses and all organs of calves		11	1	14
Diseases other than Tuberculosis:				
12 carcasses and all organs of cows	4	2	1	8
Organs of cows	1	4	1	26
27 carcasses and all organs of cattle other than cows	8	13	2	8
Organs of cattle other than cows	2	15	3	4
7 carcasses and all organs of pigs		7	1	3
Organs of pigs			1	5
53 carcasses and all organs of sheep		19	0	2
Organs of sheep		3	0	22
38 carcasses and all organs of calves		13	2	20
Organs of calves			2	7
Total Weight	77	8	1	8

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED

DETAILS	Weight			
	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
555 tins of corned beef	1	2	0	27
10,894 tins and jars of fish, fruit, jam, milk and vegetables	5	0	2	20
1,555 eggs		1	4	19
34 rabbits			2	12
197 pikelets				22½
Butter, lard and margarine				12½
347 jars pickles		3	1	22
Oranges		4	2	14
Cheese			2	15½
Bacon and ham			3	14¼
Fish and shellfish		15	3	26
Sugar		4	1	9
Sausages, etc.		3	3	9
Flour		7	3	14
Oats, rice, cereals, etc.	1	3	1	25
Dried Fruit		1	2	8
Tea and coffee				1½
Potatoes		12	2	0
Sweets and chocolates				22
Imported beef			2	24
Whalemeat				14
Total Weight	10	6	0	23¼

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

	Children under 5 Years of age	Children 5 to 15 Years of age
Approximate estimate of children in the Authority's area 31st December, 1947	5,140	7,700
Percentage of child population shown above immunised	32.2%	68.9%

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Period.		New Cases.				Deaths			
		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- 1 years	.....				1		1		
1- 5	„	1	4	2	2	1		1	
5-15	„	3	3	2	2		1		
15-25	„	11	12	1		1	1		
25-35	„	13	9	1		1	5		
35-45	„	7	9	1	1	3	2		
45-55	„	5	1			1		2	
55-65	„	3				5			
65 - over	.....	2	1			1			
Totals	.....	45	39	7	6	13	10	3	

Cases not notified previous to death: 3.

NUNEATON COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION

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(As on December 31st, 1947)

School Medical Officer	{ P. G. HORSBURGH, G.M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
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Consultant and Surgeon— Aural Clinic	{ W. OGILVY REID, M.A., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.)
Surgeon—Orthopædic Clinic	{ N. W. N. NISBETT, F.R.C.S. (Commenced Dec., 1947) F. G. ALLAN (Terminated Nov., 1947)
School Oculist	{ C. E. CLARK, M.B., Ch.B., D.O.M.S.
School Dentist	{ T. H. THOMPSON, L.D.S., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Edin.)
Dental Attendant:	MISS L. JACKSON
School Nurses	{ MRS. L. G. BOFF MISS D. MASON
Child Guidance Clinic	{ S. M. REID, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.M.
Speech Therapy Clinic— Speech Therapist	{ D. GLOVER, L.C.S.T.
Clerical Staff	{ W. Wood (Chief Clerk) E. J. BOWER M. ROWLEY K. SPENCER

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1.—Council Schools:

	Accommodation	Average attendance last school year
Arbury	400	241
Attleborough	720	504
Chilvers Coton	682	418
Galley Common	250	160
Higham Lane	688	576
Manor Park	480	286
Queen's Road	864	731
Stockingford	1,264	906
Swinnerton	320	227
Shepperton	291	234
Heath End	281	141

2.—Non-Provided Schools:

Abbey Street C. of E. ...	582	462
Attleborough	135	56
Chilvers Coton C. of E. ...	178	122
St. Joseph's R.C.	252	166
Stockingford C. of E.	326	200
Vicarage Street C. of E. ...	360	227

Total accommodation provided in Public Elementary Schools:

Council Schools	6,240
Non-provided Schools	1,833
	8,073

DAILY TREATMENT CLINICS

Particulars of the work carried out at the various clinics are shown in the following tables:

Half days held	399
Individual children treated	2,440
Total attendances	8,946
Average attendances per clinic	22.4
Number of children cured	2,387
Referred elsewhere for treatment	36
Number of children on books December 31, 1947 ...	17
Total exclusion days	173

Diseases:

Impetigo scalp	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Impetigo body	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Ringworm scalp	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ringworm body	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Other skin diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	221
Minor surgical dressings and other diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,681
Diseases of the ear	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109
Minor eye diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	127

Home Visits Paid by Nurses:

Diseases of throat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Vermin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Various	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	151
Eye defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19

IONIZATION CLINIC

Ionization clinics held	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Children treated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Total attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30

EYE CLINIC

1.—Errors of Refraction:

Hypermetropia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Hypermetropic Astigmatism	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Myopia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Myopic Astigmatism	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Mixed Astigmatism	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Amblyopia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Mystagmus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

2.—Squint:

Convergent Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Divergent Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Alternating Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Intermittent Strabismus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

3.—External Diseases of the Eye:

Conjunctivitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Blepharitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Hordeolum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Keratitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cyst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6

4.—Diseases of Deeper Structures:

Congenital Cataract	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
No glasses or treatment necessary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Blocked tear duct	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

SUN-RAY CLINIC—NUNEATON

Disease	Total Cases Treated.	Average length of Treatment	Average Dose in Minutes		CONDITION OF DISEASE ON DISCHARGE					Under Observation at end of year
			Minimum	Maximum	Cured	Much Improved	Improved	No Change	Course not Complete	
T.B. Spine	2	8 w'ks	3	20	—	—	—	—	1	1
Debility	90	6 "	3	20	32	20	18	—	7	13
Psoriasis	2	8 "	3	20	—	1	1	—	—	—
Asthma	3	6 "	3	20	—	—	2	—	—	—
Bronchitis	15	6 "	3	20	—	6	6	—	1	2
Glands of neck	7	8 "	3	20	1	2	1	—	—	2
Rickets	10	6 "	3	20	—	3	2	—	4	1
Chorea	7	8 "	3	20	2	—	—	—	1	4
Chilblains	14	3 "	5	20	14	—	—	—	—	1
Alopecia	3	3 m'ths	3	20	—	1	1	—	—	1
Anæmia	7	8 w'ks	3	20	—	3	1	—	—	3
Post Scarlet	2	6 "	3	20	2	—	—	—	—	—
Rheumatism	3	3 m'ths	3	20	3	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	165				54	36	32	—	14	29

SUN-RAY CLINIC—STOCKINGFORD

Disease	Total Cases Treated.	Average length of Treatment	Average Dose in Minutes		CONDITION OF DISEASE ON DISCHARGE						Under Observation at end of year
			Minimum	Maximum	Cured	Much Improved	Improved	No Change	Course not Complete		
Debility	41	6 w'ks	2	10	—	10	19	—	3	9	
Psoriasis	3	8 "	2	10	—	—	2	1	—	—	
Asthma	1	"	2	10	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Bronchitis	6	6 "	2	10	—	3	3	—	—	—	
Glands of neck	3	6 "	2	10	—	2	—	—	—	1	
Rickets	6	6 "	2	10	—	—	4	1	—	—	
Chilblains	8	4 "	3	5	8	—	—	—	—	—	
Chorea	4	3 m'ths	2	10	—	2	1	—	1	—	
Pink's Disease	1	3 "	2	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	
Totals	73				8	18	29	2	6	10	

ORTHOPÆDIC CLINIC

	School	Infants	Total
Tuberculosis	6	—	6
Spastic paralysis	9	—	9
Infantile paralysis	15	1	16
Rickets	1	3	4
Bone injuries	10	—	10
Spinal deformities	21	—	21
Flat foot	84	10	94
Claw foot	8	5	13
Club foot	6	3	9
Osteomyelitis	2	—	2
Knock knees	12	1	13
Other conditions	59	22	81
Number of new cases	86	34	120
Number of cases carried on from previous year	147	11	158
Number treated in hospital	23	5	28
Instruments supplied	77	6	83
Clinics by M.O.	—	—	6
Attendances at same	342	57	399
Treatment clinic	2,276	50	2,326
Total attendances	2,618	107	2,725
Number discharged	64	14	78

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

The following report on the work of the School Dental Service has been submitted by Dr. T. H. Thompson, L.D.S., School Dental Surgeon:

A new Dental Clinic adjoining the Medical Clinic was opened at Stockingford in October, 1947. This is now available on two sessions a week for schoolchildren living in this district.

Dental inspection and treatment has now been extended to include the former secondary schools in the Borough. At the High School for Girls, 55 per cent. required treatment, and 54 per cent. accepted. Much of this treatment has consisted of extended conservative work which, relative to extractions, takes up a considerable time for each case. Many of the cases had dentally-fit mouths when leaving the primary school, but had since become

carious owing to parents not ensuring that treatment was followed up privately. I should like to point out, as relative to this, that a good deal of the discomfort that may be attendant upon the insertion of large fillings, usually in neglected mouths, is largely due to treatment not being sought early enough. If more advantage were taken of real preventive dentistry, much of this discomfort would not occur and the strain, especially on the patient—also on the operator—could be considerably diminished.

Results are still much more encouraging in some of the infant schools, for it appears to be a fact that the interest and co-operation of the parent varies inversely with the age of their children. Thus, at one of the county infant schools, at the last inspection in September, 1947, only 47 out of 189 children required treatment (25 per cent.) and 40 (85 per cent.) accepted, although this excellent result could not have been obtained without the valuable co-operation of the teaching staff.

The number of decayed teeth extracted has been gradually declining from the maximum figure of 5,413 in 1938 to a minimum of 3,271 in 1947. The number of permanent teeth extracted has been more than halved, and the extensive clearances in very bad mouths which was frequent seven to ten years ago is now not common. After considerable reflection on this admittedly very controversial subject, I submit that one of the causes of this considerable improvement in dental health is the work of the School Dental Service, supported by a greater degree of co-operation from parents leading to the saving of teeth by either conservative operative treatment or "Nutritive Salts."

REPORT BY DR. SYLVIA REID ON THE WORK AT THE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC, RIVERSLEY PARK

During the year 1947 the above clinic has expanded considerably, and a variety of cases have been treated.

A total of 52 children were under treatment during the year and the following is a brief summary of the different types who attended:

Continued treatment from 1946	...	...	...	...	16
Bedwetting	...	...	...	...	10
Behaviour disorders	...	...	...	...	12
Nervous and mental disorders	...	...	...	...	9
Mental defectives	...	...	...	...	5
Number discharged as recovered	...	...	...	...	12
Number discharged as improved	...	...	...	...	5
Number of parents to whom advice was given	...	...	...	...	4
Number placed in schools away from home	...	...	...	...	1
Number who failed attend before completion of treatment	...	...	...	...	3

There has been a very satisfactory liaison with the Probation Officers and we have also received helpful co-operation from the staffs of the various local schools. We note that children are being more readily referred by observant teachers, which enables the children to receive treatment early in their disorders.

The Probation Officers have brought a number of cases for psychiatric advice and we have been assisted by the local authorities and education authorities in the satisfactory placing of children in special schools where this was indicated.

All the children received some individual treatment, but in some cases, especially in older children, it was necessary to arrange for prolonged individual treatment, which has been carried out by either the psychiatrist or psychologist.

The Psychiatric Social Worker has made 44 visits to the children's homes and schools, and contact with outside agencies such as church clubs and youth clubs has been very helpful.

We found it always necessary to give the parents of the children appointments at the clinic, since their co-operation and understanding of the child's difficulties may in themselves eliminate the child's symptoms.

The staff at Riversley Park Clinic is most helpful, and I am happy to say that the Child Guidance team have much pleasure in working in such a friendly and co-operative environment.

We feel that the potentialities of the work are rapidly extending, as more schools and authorities utilise the facilities of the clinic, and we look forward to the work of the clinic developing even more in the coming year.

**MEDICAL INSPECTION FORMS FOR YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1947**

**TABLE I—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING
MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

A.—Periodic Medical Inspections:

Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups:							
Entrants	...	...	...	...	...	...	657
Second Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	676
Third Age Group	...	...	...	...	...	...	442
							Total
							1,775
Number of other Periodic Inspections							
(Grammar School)	...	...	...	...	...	...	327
							Grand Total
							2,102

B.—Other Inspections:

Number of Special Inspections	...	...	...	4,612
Number of Re-inspections	...	...	...	1,182
				Total
				5,794

C.—Pupils Found to Require Treatment:

Number of individual pupils found at periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with vermin):

GROUP	For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table IIa	Total Individual Pupils
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Entrants	5	145	150
Second Age Group ...	9	103	112
Third Age Group	4	52	56
Total: prescribed Groups	18	300	318
Other periodic inspection	26	10	36

TABLE II—(a) RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1947

Defect Code No.	DEFECT OR DISEASE	Periodic Inspections		Special Inspections	
		No. of Defects		No. of Defects	
		Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment.
4	Skin	15	—	340	—
5	Eyes:				
	(a) Vision	44	1	49	—
	(b) Squint	22	—	14	—
	(c) Other	7	1	139	—
6	Ears:				
	(a) Hearing	1	—	5	—
	(b) Otitis Media	12	1	—	—
	(c) Other	3	1	113	—
7	Nose or Throat	174	52	343	11
8	Speech	1	3	—	1
9	Cervical Glands	3	1	49	1
10	Heart and Circulation	4	6	2	3
11	Lungs	6	12	21	4
12	Developmental:				
	(a) Hernia	—	—	—	—
	(b) Other	—	—	—	—
3	Orthopædic:				
	(a) Posture	3	—	—	—
	(b) Flat Foot	—	—	—	—
	(c) Other	33	7	1	—
14	Nervous System:				
	(a) Epilepsy	—	—	—	2
	(b) Other	—	1	15	1
15	Psychological:				
	(a) Developmental	—	—	17	—
	(b) Stability	—	—	19	—
16	Other	29	3	1724	9

TABLE II—(b) CLASSIFICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN THE AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS	Number of Pupils Inspected	A (Good)		B (Fair)		C (Poor)	
		No.	% of Col. 2	No.	% of Col. 2	No.	% of Col. 2
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Entrants	657	547	83.2	108	16.4	2	.3
Second Age Group ..	676	572	84.5	100	14.7	4	.5
Third Age Group	442	398	90.4	43	9.7	1	.2
Other periodic inspections	327	327	100.0	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2102	1844	87.7	251	11.9	7	.33

TABLE III—TREATMENT TABLE

Group 1.—Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness):

A.

Number of defects treated or under treatment during the year.

SKIN:

Ringworm—Scalp

(1) X-Ray treatment	...	...	...	...	...	10
(2) Other treatment	...	...	...	...	...	3
Ringworm—Body	...	...	...	...	...	65
Scabies	...	...	...	...	...	59
Impetigo	...	...	...	...	...	42
Other skin diseases	...	...	...	...	...	162

EYE DISEASE:

(Excluding error of refraction, squint, and cases admitted to hospital

admitted to hospital	127
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EAR DEFECTS

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MISCELLANEOUS:

(e.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores, etc.)	1,681
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TOTAL 2,258

B. Total number of attendances at Authority's Minor Ailment Clinic	2,414
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Group 2.—Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Eye Diseases treated as Minor Ailments):

						No. of defects dealt with.
ERRORS OF REFRACTION (including squint)	...	...	...	...	...	302
Other defects or diseases of the eye (excluding those recorded in Group 1)	36
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TOTAL	338
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Number of pupils for whom spectacles were

(a) prescribed	232
(b) obtained	147

Group 3.—Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat:

						Total number treated.
Received operative treatment:						
(a) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	...	...	...	...	...	167
(b) for other nose and throat conditions	5
Received other forms of treatment	60
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TOTAL	232
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Group 4.—Orthopædic and Postural Defects:

(a) No. treated as in-patients in hospitals or hospital schools	23
(b) No. treated otherwise, e.g., in clinics or out-patient departments	...	...	...	...	...	233

Group 5.—Child Guidance Treatment and Speech Therapy:

No. of pupils treated:

(a) under Child Guidance arrangements	...	...	52
(b) under Speech Therapy arrangements	...	...	16

TABLE IV—DENTAL INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENT

1. No of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officer:						
(a) Periodic age group	...	...	...	...	...	5,234
(b) Specials	...	...	...	...	...	578
TOTAL						5,812
2. No. found to require treatment						
						2,521
3. No. actually treated						1,513
4. Attendances made by pupils for treatment						2,632
5. Half-days devoted to:						
(a) inspection	...	...	...	...	...	33
(b) treatment	...	...	...	...	...	325
TOTAL						358
6. Fillings:						
Permanent teeth	...	...	...	...	...	638
Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	...	93
TOTAL						731
7. Extractions:						
Permanent teeth	...	...	...	...	...	429
Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	...	2,842
8. Administration of general anæsthetics for extraction						561
9. Other operations:						
(a) Permanent teeth	...	...	...	...	...	718
(b) Temporary teeth	...	...	...	...	...	—

TABLE V—INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

1.—Total number of examinations in the schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons				19,441
2.—Total number of individual pupils found to be infested				660
3.—Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued				—